

Secovinsville Va Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother I received  
your welcome letter yesterday I recd  
Pranks letter when we were at Drainsville  
but when Stuarts Car made the  
ir raid we had so much to do that  
I did not get time to answer it  
till 3<sup>d</sup> Jan The rebels are most  
every night shooting at our pickets  
at Drainsville They have wounded  
three and captured five. Our Comp  
moved over here the 7<sup>th</sup> and are in  
the best quarters we have ever  
been in A good house warm rooms  
s stoves bunks ~~but~~ built up about  
A two feet from the floor and  
hay in them to sleep on plenty  
ty to eat and more coffee than  
we can use which we swap off  
for milk and plenty for our horses